

## TWO CENTS—THE DAY BOOK—TWO CENTS

### U. S. SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ADAMSON LAW — THREE JUDGES DISSENT

Washington, March 19.—The U. S. Adamson law establishing the 8-hour day for railroad employes constitutional.

Chief Justice White read the decision.

Justice Day read a dissenting opinion.

The court held the law constitutional by vote of six to three. Justices Day, Pitney and Vandeventer dissented.

Besides declaring the Adamson law constitutional, the court held congress has a right to legislate wages.

The decision today is a reversal of the opinion of Judge Hook of Kansas City, who held the law unconstitutional.

Chief Justice White held the right to fix wages to be inherent in private parties, but he added that the "parties" had not exercised the right and "that in view of the appalling situation which the president pointed out, to say the government had not the right to fill the void would be to declare that private right had destroyed public right."

Justice White said there "was an authority begotten of the public interest" in the action of congress.

He declared it could not be main- the law had not been considered, in view (1) of the time the controversy was before the public; (2) the fact that the president had acted, and (3) in view of the discussion of the question before congress acted.

Chief Justice White lengthily reviewed the proceedings and circumstances which led up to the law, and his first statements indicated the law would be held invalid. This was dispelled when he declared the government had the right to fix wages if

private parties failed to fulfill their duty.

Justice White in his opinion concluded:

"We say that the contention that the act was void and could not be made operative because of the unworkability of its provisions is without merit, since we see no reason to the act were made applicable and a candid effort followed to carry it out the result would be without difficulty accomplished. It is true that it might follow that in some cases that because of particular terms of employment or exception surroundings some change might be necessary, but these exceptions afford no ground for holding the act void because its provisions are not susceptible in practice of being carried out."

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\* SPRING??? \*  
\* By Jim Manes \*  
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For weeks and weeks we've tried to hail

The coming of Dame Spring.  
We've waited for the buds to bloom  
and

For the birds to sing.  
A bit of sunshine now and then  
Makes prospects rather bright.  
And then it snows, and goodness  
knows,

For Spring it seems "Good-night."  
We'd like to know how long 'twill be  
'E'er summer will be here.

Is winter going to stick around  
Throughout the bloomin' year?

—O—O—  
P. S.—Ask the weather man—he  
don't know!

### WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight with lowest temperature above the freezing point; fresh southwest winds. Temperature Sunday: High, 30; low, 26.